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Subject: RE: Potlatch St. Maries inspection report questions
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:56:23 AM
Attachments: [SWPPP Site Map.pdf](#)
[Mutch Creek Google Maps.JPG](#)

Hi Brian,

“Mutch Creek” refers to the attached SWPPP site map, which should have been included in Attachment A of the report. I suspect it was a different page size and didn’t get scanned with the rest of the 8.5x11s, or maybe got misplaced. While writing the report, I had the choice of calling it Mutch Creek, perimeter ditch, or unnamed waterbody, which seemed to be synonyms based on the different documents provided by the facility. Without giving it much (mutch) thought, I went with Mutch Creek, because it seemed to be the most specific description. In case it’s helpful, I attached another screenshot from Google Maps, which depicts the location of Mutch Creek in relation to the facility. I would agree that “perimeter ditch” or “unnamed waterbody,” would have been more appropriate descriptions.

It’s my understanding that the pump station provides the only route from outfalls 002/003/004 to surface water.

Incidentally, I’ve been asked to conduct a follow-up MSGP inspection at this facility, which is currently scheduled for next week. Feel free to give me a call if you’d like to chat about this or if there’s additional information you would like me to gather while I’m there.

Thanks,

Matt

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From: Nickel, Brian <Nickel.Brian@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 3:18 PM
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Subject: Potlatch St. Maries inspection report questions

Matt:

I’ve been assigned to write a reissuance of the NPDES permit for the Potlatch Deltic Land and Lumber facility in St. Maries, Idaho (on the Coeur d’Alene reservation).

I have read the report of the inspection you conducted on March 9, 2017, and I have a couple of questions.

The report identifies the receiving water for stormwater outfall 004 as “Mutch Creek” (see Page 3), but the NOI (attached) states that the receiving water for all of the exclusively stormwater outfalls (002, 003, and 004) is an “unnamed waterbody.” I also did a search for Mutch Creek on Google Maps, and it doesn’t appear to be adjacent to the facility (see the red pin on the attached PDF “printout” from Google Maps). It seems to me that the stream that receives the stormwater

discharges probably isn't Mutch Creek (and probably is unnamed), but I wanted to check with you on that, since you had identified it as Mutch Creek.

I also noted that your photograph log (attachment B) describes "P1020935" (attached) as "Westerly view of the city-operated pump station that delivers flow from Mutch Creek (left) to the St. Joe River." Do you know if that pump station is the only route for that stream (identified as Mutch Creek) to reach downstream surface waters?

Thanks,

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